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return to your seats, and unauthorized personnel leave the floor. Senator Brown, Senator Coordsen, would you please...Senator Robak, would you please check in? Senator Byars, Senator Brown, would you please check in? The house is under call, Senator Byars and Senator Brown. Would you care...would you accept call-in votes or did you want a roll call vote?

SENATOR HILGERT: Roll call vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Roll call vote. Senator Byars is not...Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 753.) 23 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is not adopted. We're back for discussion, the advancement of LB 329. I raise the call. There are no further lights on. Senator Wickersham, did you wish to close on your advancement?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, this bill is now a rather simple bill. It simply provides for NRDS to add to their existing restricted funds budget the amount that they would have received from the Water Quality Enhancement Fund the prior year, allowing them to continue existing programs previously funded with the fertilizer fee from property taxes to develop water quality and to provide for quality water in the state of Nebraska. It also contains one section that clarifies a provision in occupation taxes for municipalities by adding a uniformity clause for cities of the primary class. That's the bill. I appreciate the time that we have taken to discuss the issues that surrounded the provisions of the bill. I hope we're able to advance it. I expect fully that there will be another vigorous discussion on Select File. I don't think that's bad for us. I think it is good for us to inform ourselves about the tax structure for the state of Nebraska and the programs that are supported by our taxes and that are important to the people of the state of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING